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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAMA 1065

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, MORG, BA, US
SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST FORCE: PRESS COVERAGE AND PROPOSED
JOINT STATEMENT

REF: STATE 109372

1. DURING BRIEF MEETING MAY 16 WITH FOREIGN MINISTER HE
SHOWED ME COPY OF MAY 14 WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE BY
LIPPMAN (INTERESTINGLY, HE HAD RECEIVED IT BY DATA-
FACSIMILE). HE WAS VERY PLEASED INDEED WITH STORY AND
SAID HE FELT PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF NEW FORMULA WAS
NOW ACCURATE AND ABOVE BOARD. AFTER QUICK READING OF
ARTICLE, I POINTED OUT ONE MAJOR INACCURACY -- THAT EACH
FUTURE SHIP VISIT WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED SEPARATELY --
AND HE SAID THERE ARE ALWAYS SOME INACCURACIES IN PRESS
STORIES BUT THAT, OVERALL, HE FELT IT WAS A VERY GOOD
ARTICLE. I ASSUME TEXT OF THIS ARTICLE, AND ANY GUIDANCE
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DEPT HAS DEVELOPED, ARE ON THE WAY.

2. I LEFT WITH HIM COPY OF TEXT PROPOSED REFTEL WHICH HE
SAID HE WOULD STUDY. HOWEVER, AFTER GIVING IT A QUICK
READING, HE SAID HE FELT IT WAS TOO SOFT ON ISSUE OF
TERMINATION AND INACCURATE TO SAY THAT NEW OFFICE IS BEING
ESTABLISHED. HE SUGGESTED WORD "TERMINATE" INSTEAD OF "ALTER"

IN SECOND SENTENCE AND WORD "RETAIN" INSTEAD OF "MAY ESTABLISH" IN PENULTIMATE SENTENCE. IN ANY CASE, HE SAID HE WOULD GO OVER TEXT CAREFULLY AND WE WOULD DISCUSS IT IN DETAIL AT NEXT MEETING. ON THIS POINT, HE SAID TEXTS OF NOTES AND AMENDED LEASE ARE WITH GOB LEGAL ADVISOR BUT THAT HE, FONMIN, FELT THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEMS. HE HOPED TO MEET WITH ME AGAIN EARLY NEXT WEEK.

3. COMMENT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S PLEASURE WITH LIPPMAN ARTICLE WAS UNRESTRAINED; I WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SURPRISED IF HE HAD SHOWED IT TO ME FRAMED AND HUNG ON THE WALL. HIS REMARK THAT HE SAW "NO PROBLEMS" WITH NOTES OR AMENDED LEASE PROBABLY REFLECTS AMIR'S CLEARANCE OF NEW ARRANGEMENTS, THOUGH FONMIN WOULD NOT RESPOND TO MY PROBING ON THIS POINT. I TEND TO AGREE WITH HIM ON TEXT OF PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT; WORD "ALTER" IS A BIT TOO FUZZY TO DESCRIBE WHAT IS, IN FACT, TERMINATION OF EXISTING ARRANGEMENT.
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